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SUBJECT: U.S.-GREEK DEFENSE COOPERATION DISCUSSIONS - DRAFT

COMMUNIQUE

1. THERE FOLLOWS THE PROPOSED GREEK DRAFT OF THE COMMUNIQUE
TO BE ISSUED FOLLOWING FORMAL INITIALING OF THE DRAFT DEFENSE
COOPERATION AGREEMENT:

BEGIN TEXT. FOLLOWING THE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN ATHENS ON
OCTOBER 8, 1976, ON THE STATE OF PROGRESS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS
FOR THE CONCLUSION OF A NEW DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE U.S. A. AND GREECE, THE TWO SIDES RESUMED
CONTACTS THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS IN ORDER TO COMPLETE
THE WORK COVERED BY THE DELEGATIONS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES.
DURING THIS NEW PHASE OF CONSULTATIONS, THE TWO SIDES WERE
ASSISTED BY EXPERTS, WHENEVER REQUIRED.

AGREEMENT HAVING BEEN REACHED ON ALL THE PROVISIONS OF THE
NEW DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT, THE TWO DELEGATIONS MET IN
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ATHENS ON THE 28TH JULY 1977 IN A FINAL SESSION, WITH THE OBJECT
OF INITIALLING THE TEXTS OF THE SAID AGREEMENT AD REFERENDUM
TO THE TWO GOVERNMENTS.

THE INITIALLING OF THE AGREEMENT WAS DONE BY THE HEADS
OF THE TWO DELEGATIONS, I.E. THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF THE UNITED
STATES EMBASSY IN GREECE, MR. H. MILLS AND THE DIRECTOR

OF THE COMPETENT POLITICAL DESK OF THE HELLENIC MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MR. S. CHRYSOSPATHIS.
END TEXT.

2. PRELIMINARY COMMENT. WE SEE NO PROBLEM WITH THE THRUST OF
THE GREEK DRAFT, AS FAR AS IT GOES. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE
IT WOULD BE TO OUR ADVANTAGE TO ADD ADDITIONAL FLESH,
DRAWING POSSIBLY ON THE FIRST TWO PARAGRAPHS OF THE "PRINCIPLES"
SIGNED ON APRIL 15, 1976. WE WILL PROVIDE SUGGESTED REVISIONS
AT A LATER DATE, BUT IN THE MEANTIME WOULD WELCOME DEPARTMENT'S
COMMENTS.

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